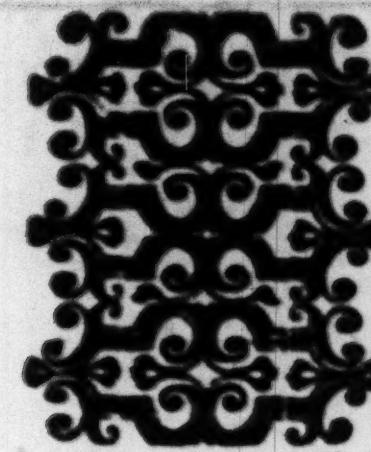
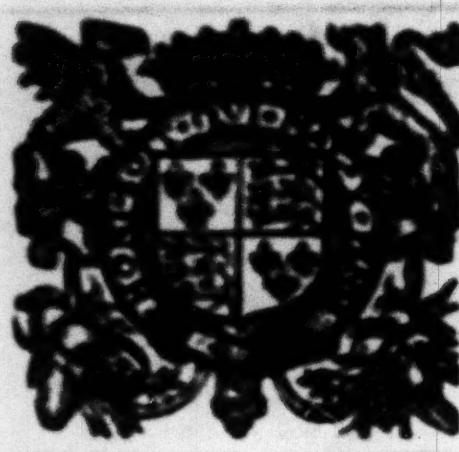


By the Queene.

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He Miceris Maiestie being given to understand, that sundry lewde
and sedicious brutes haue bene lately spread and caried abroade in
many Shires of the Realme by some briquet and factious spirits,
who, vnder diuers false and colourable suggestions, put into simple
Billes in writing, & tending to the disturbance of common peace,
haue trauyaled her good and louing subiects in diuers partes of her
sayd Realme, by Hymes and cries followed from place to place, with-
out warrant or direction from any Justice of peace, or name of any
speciall Officer resident within the sayde Shires, who in such
cases ought to haue bene informed thereof. Albeit her Maiestie doe greatly commende the loue,
care and affection of her good subiectes, who haue shewed so great a readinesse to employ their
trauyales vpon this occasion in the respect of her seruice, pretended by such writings and
brutes: yet finding the same to proceede originally from the meere practise of some sedicious
instruments, disposed to lay holde vpon any preterte that may be offred them to trouble the peace
of her said Realme, by stirring vp such of their owne humours as are apt to tumult and alteration,
Her Maiestie hath thought good to notifie & declare to all her louing subiects, that as shee doth most
justly hold the inuentors thereof worthy of extreme punishment, so doth she also condemne the spre-
ading and carying of the sayd brutes in the next degree, both tending to the disquiet and trouble of her
said realme and subiects. And therefore by this her proclamation, her Maiestie doth expressely com-
mand all Lieutenants of Shires, Sheriffs, Justices, and other her Maiesties Officers and Min-
isters, both in townes corporate and all other places whatsoeuer, to whome in this case it may apper-
tayne, that they do not onely take present order for the speedie ceasing of all such brutes and rumors,
with the hewes and cryes, and the extraordinarie watches growing thereof, within the Countries
and circuites vnder their severall charges, but also cause forthwith diligent iquierie to bee made
of the Authors of the same: and if any such be found, severely to punish them as sedicious perturbers
of the common quiet. And that all Constables hereafter that shall first receive any such report or
charge for making of such hewe and cry, or for setting of such extraordinary watches, take care to stay
the first autho: to be answerable thereto as there shalbe cause, vpon payne of beeing otherwise puni-
shed himselfe, as the first autho: and inuentor thereof. Given at our Manour of Greenwich, the
vi. day of Februarie, 1586. in the nine and twentith yeere of our raigne.

God saue the Queene.

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cellent Maiestie.